

CLAIMS

We claim:

1 1. A method for displaying information to a user,
2 comprising the steps of:
3 displaying a frame border; and
4 incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said
5 frame border.

1 2. The method of claim 1, said textual and/or graphical
2 data displaying to said user information with respect to the
3 content of said border.

1 3. The method of claim 1, said textual and/or graphical
2 data displaying to said user information identifying said
3 border as a frame border which can be positioned, sized, and
4 opened by said user clicking on or dragging said border.

1 4. The method of claim 2, said data providing a hotspot
2 for selection by said user to open said frame.

1 5. The method of claim 4, said hotspot further being
2 selectable by said user to launch an application within said
3 frame.

1 6. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step
2 responsive to said user clicking on said border of bringing
3 said frame to the forefront.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
2 providing to a user at design time a frame properties
3 information box for user definition of frame content.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of:
2 providing in said frame properties information box for
3 user selection of caption formula and/or text, show
4 parameters, caption alignment, justification, font,
5 size, style, text color and background color.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:
2 responsive to user selection of Notes only border
3 captions, displaying to said user a caption edit box
4 for entry of caption text.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
2 responsive to creation of a web enabled frame border,
3 disabling border captioning.

1 11. System for displaying information to a user,
2 comprising:

3 a frame border for indicating the presence of a frame
4 with content; and

5 textual and/or graphical data presented within said
6 frame border.

1 12. The system of claim 11, said textual and/or graphical
2 data displaying to said user information with respect to the
3 content of said border.

1 13. The system of claim 11, said textual and/or graphical
2 data displaying to said user information identifying said
3 border as a frame border which can be positioned, sized, and
4 opened by said user clicking on said border.

1 14. The system of claim 12, said data providing a hotspot

2 for selection by said user to open said frame.

1 15. The system of claim 14, said hotspot further being
2 selectable by said user to launch an application within said
3 frame.

1 16. The system of claim 13, said hotspot being responsive
2 to said user clicking on said border of bringing said frame
3 to the forefront.

1 17. The system of claim 11, further comprising:

2 a frame properties information box for user definition
3 of frame content at frame design.

1 18. The system of claim 17, further comprising:

2 said frame properties information box further providing
3 for user selection of caption formula, show parameters,
4 caption alignment, justification, font, size, style,
5 text color and background color.

1 19. The system of claim 18, further comprising:

2 responsive to user selection of Notes only border

3 captions, a caption edit box for entry of caption text.

1 20. The system of claim 11, further comprising:

2 control responsive to creation of a web enabled frame
3 border for disabling border captioning.

1 21. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for displaying information
4 to a user, said method steps comprising:

5 displaying a frame border; and

6 incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said
7 frame border.

1 22. The program storage device of claim 21, said textual
2 and/or graphical data displaying to said user information
3 with respect to the content of said border.

1 23. The program storage device of claim 21, said textual
2 and/or graphical data displaying to said user information
3 identifying said border as a frame border which can be
4 positioned, sized, and opened by said user clicking on said

5 border.

1 24. The program storage device of claim 22, said data
2 providing a hotspot for selection by said user to open said
3 frame.

1 25. The program storage device of claim 24, said hotspot
2 further being selectable by said user to launch an
3 application within said frame.

1 26. The program storage device of claim 23, said method
2 steps further comprising the step responsive to said user
3 clicking on said border of bringing said frame to the
4 forefront.

1 27. The program storage device of claim 21, said method
2 steps further comprising the step of:

3 providing to a user at design time a frame properties
4 information box for user definition of frame content.

1 28. The program storage device of claim 27, said method
2 steps further comprising the step of:

3 providing in said frame properties information box for

4 user selection of caption formula, show parameters,
5 caption alignment, justification, font, size, style,
6 text color and background color.

1 29. The program storage device of claim 28, said method
2 steps further comprising the step of:

3 responsive to user selection of Notes only border
4 captions, displaying to said user a caption edit box
5 for entry of caption text.

1 30. The program storage device of claim 21, said method
2 steps further comprising the step of:

3 responsive to creation of a web enabled frame border,
4 disabling border captioning.

1 31. A computer program product or computer program element
2 displaying information to a user according to method steps
3 comprising:

4 displaying a frame border; and

5 incorporating textual and/or graphical data within said
frame border.